[Mr. S. Sundararajan.]

plastering was crumbling to pieces. Various kinds of vermin and germs were found in these cracks. The annual repairs that were carried out every year could only improve the condition temporarily. In Vrischigom last the wards had to be closed and in-patients had to be removed for about three weeks because of an outbreak of chicken-pox, and this was taken advantage of to carry out the repairs in a more satisfactory manner. The old plastering was removed and the walls replastered ; concrete flooring was provided for the rooms upstairs and the wooden work was cleaned and varnished and re-painted. All these repairs have considerably improved the the building and made it more sanitary. These repairs were absolutely necessary. I trust that this House will pass the demand.

**Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai** (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether this purpose could not wait till provision was made in the ordinary course in the budget for the next year ?

**Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose :** I have already explained that patchwork repairs were being done every year, that did not improve matters appreciably. I have also stated that at the time of the outbreak of the chicken-pox in the Hospital the in-patient wards had to be closed and that occasion was taken advantage of for carrying out the repair works thoroughly. It would not be possible to do the repairs so throughly when patients are crowded in the wards which would be the case if we waited for the grant to be passed in the next budget session.

The motion was put and carried and the grant made.

DEMAND X—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

**Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai** (*Director of Public Health*) : Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 1,050 for additional T. A. to the District Health Officers. This amount was found necessary on account of the unexpected outbreak of plague in certain parts of the State. Therefore the District Health Officers have had to undertake considerable travelling for efficiently supervising the arrangements. The T. A. already provided was found to be insufficient and therefore I am requesting the House to pass this amount.

**Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : How many District Health Officers are there in the State now ?

**Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai :** There are two ; one is at Kottayam and the other is at Neyyattinkara.

**Mr. T. Krishna Pillai :** May I take it that Rs. 525 is required for each of the District Health Officers for the remaining months of the year ?

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**Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai:** The expenses have already been incurred. The places where plague broke out were so distant; Munnar was one and Alleppey another and Quilon was the third and the District Health Officers at Kottayam and Neyyattinkara had to go to these places often and stay there.

The motion was put and carried and the grant made.

## DEMAND XI—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

**Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar:** Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 69,700 for urgent works under the town planning scheme in Trivandrum, and other works. In moving this I may state that a sum of Rs. 1,99,000 was provided in the budget for 1115 for town planning works. Out of this an amount of one lakh of Rupees was allotted for the construction of the new office buildings which are being constructed near the Museum, and in consequence funds for other works such as shell-creting of the roads, were not available to the full extent. On the whole the programme of works required Rs. 2,60,000 for town planning and as more than 50 per cent of this allotment was taken away by the construction of the buildings near the Museum, it became difficult to provide funds for carrying the other urgent works. Out of this amount, however, a sum of Rs. 40,000 is available for diversion to the town planning works. So, the minimum additional grant required under this head will be Rs. 33,250. Besides this, a sum of Rs. 1,600 is required for maintenance of roads in proper condition and also small amounts of Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 450 are required for the maintenance of the Council Chamber and the wards in the General Hospital, which was not provided for in the Budget. On the whole the amount required for this purpose is Rs. 17,400. Owing to the shifting of the Armed Police Reserve a sum of Rs. 28,650 is required, but a sum of Rs. 10,000 has been got by diversion. Thus a total sum of Rs. 69,700 is required under these three heads as additional grant. There are some funds under the head "Military Works" but they could not be diverted without special sanction. Therefore I request the House to sanction this extra grant of Rs. 69,700.

The motion was put and carried and the grant made.

## DEMAND XIII—POLICE.

**Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy:** Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant under the following heads:—

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| (i) | Installation of Telephones | Rs. 1,700 |
| (ii) | Installation of electric lights | Rs. 400 |
| (iii) | Additional T. A. for the Police Department | |
| | | Rs. 17,000 |

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